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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ATTEMPT TO INTEREST BULGARIANS IN "REVERSE IV PROGRAM," AS DISCUSSED REFTELS.

2. OUTSIDE IREX AND NAS EXCHANGES, BULGARIANS NOW CAN AND DO INVITE WHATEVER AMERICANS THEY WISH. IF THEY DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC NAME(S) FOR SOME ACTIVITY, THEY ASK FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS (E.G., JURY MEMBER FOR RECENT OPERA SINGERS COMPETITION). THESE INVITATIONS ALWAYS INCLUDE ALL LOCAL EXPENSES AND OFTEN INTRA-EUROPEAN TRAVEL EXPENSES. IF INVITEES NEED HELP WITH TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAVEL, THEY USUALLY APPROACH EMBASSY (E.G., MSU RICHARDS QUINTET FOR SOFIA MUSIC FESTIVAL) OR DEPARTMENT (E.G., HORECKY FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS) AND RECEIVE SUPPORT AS SEEMS WORTHWHILE AND TO DEGREE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. IN A FEW CASES WE HAVBKREQUESTED AND OBTAINED LOCAL EXPENSES FOR AMERICAN VISITORS TO BULGARIA COMING AT USG INITIATIVE (E.G., ADVANCE TEAM FOR LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC).
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